

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*** Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles and Call to Worship**

Leader: The Prophet Isaiah says the Anointed One will be called Mighty God. *His authority will grow continually and there shall be endless peace.*

People: **In Advent we remember that we need to turn away from making others our authority idols. We come to worship to repent of all those times we make Jesus the Christ too small and public figures too big. We come to say Jesus is the Christ, one with the Father and the Son, truly “Mighty God”.**

Leader: Paul wrote: *So he came and proclaimed peace to who were far off and peace to those who are near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

People: **We are ready for you to light the candle of peace.**

***Hymn #7:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *(Green book)*

***Invocation**

Mighty God, You who are the Christ, we come humbly into your presence asking you to fill this sanctuary with Your Spirit. Open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the immensity of your Love for each of your children. We turn to you, our hope, and our peace. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** Hymn #122 verse 1 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set all people free.
From our fears and sins release us, grant us your true liberty.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 2:11-22 Terry Henderson

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon: “Mighty God”

***Hymn #115:** “The Baptist Shouts on Jordan’s Shore”

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a signal to the people that there is a God who saves, heals, and sets free. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

This table is open to all who seek Jesus and who desire to follow in his ways. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth.....With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven we glorify you saying:

**Holy, holy, holy God
of love and majesty,**

**the whole universe speaks
of your glory,
O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution and Consecration

Sharing the elements

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn #3:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Green book)

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude